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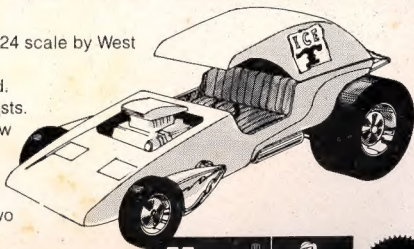
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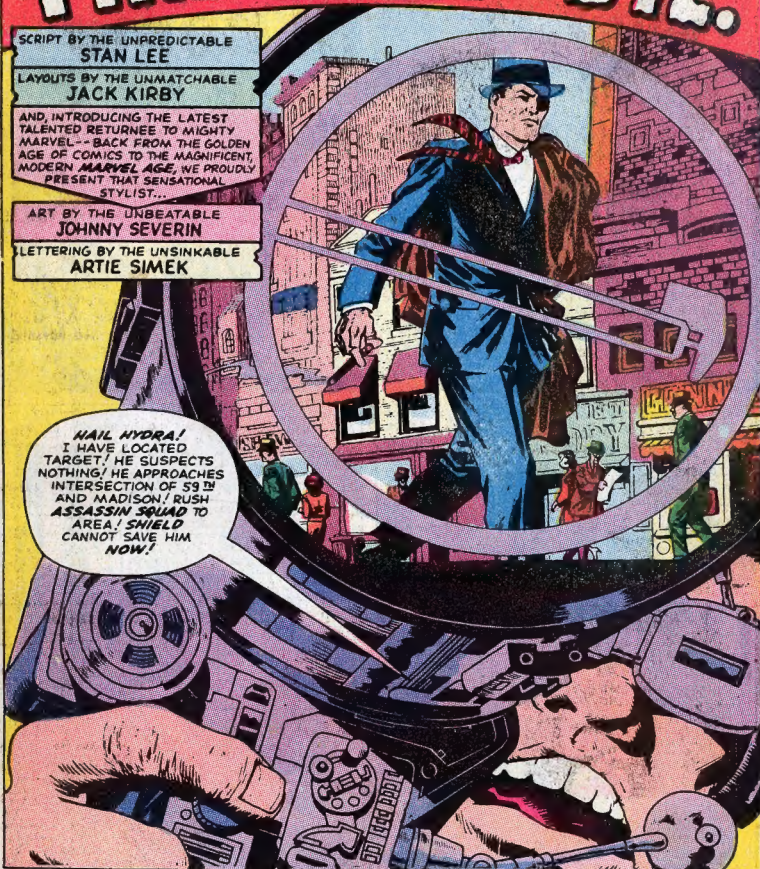
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AND, INTRODUCING THE LATEST
TALENTED RETURNEE TO MIGHTY
MARVEL-- BACK FROM THE GOLDEN
AGE OF COMICS TO THE MAGNIFICENT,
MODERN **MARVEL AGE**, WE PROUDLY
PRESENT THAT SENSATIONAL
STYLIST...

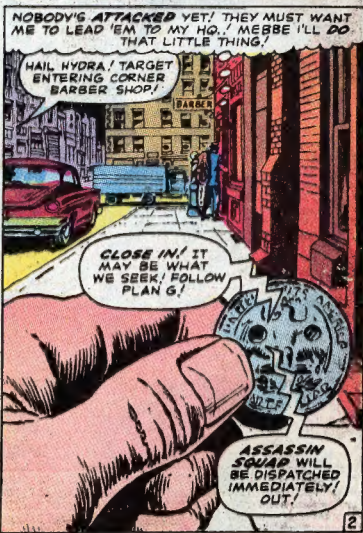
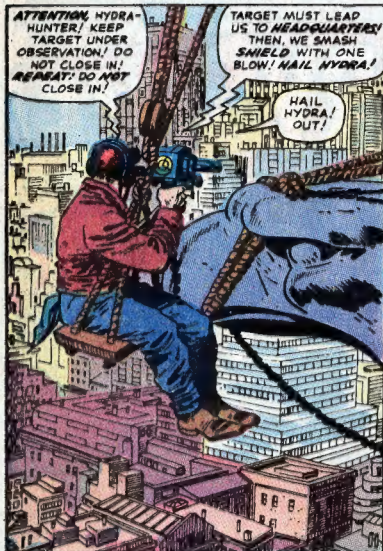
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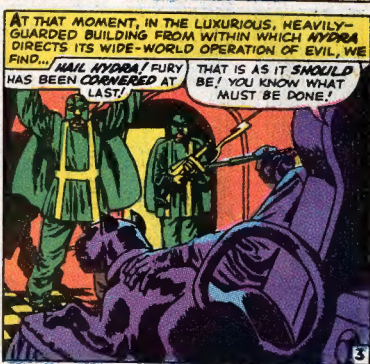
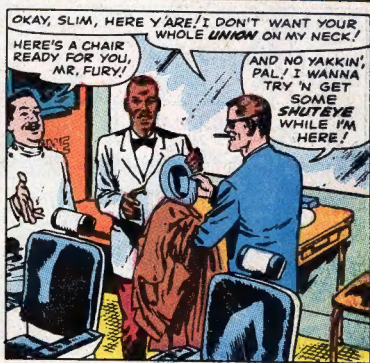
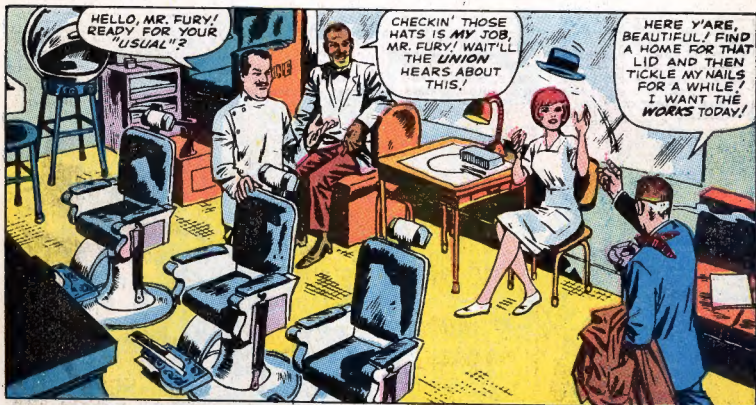
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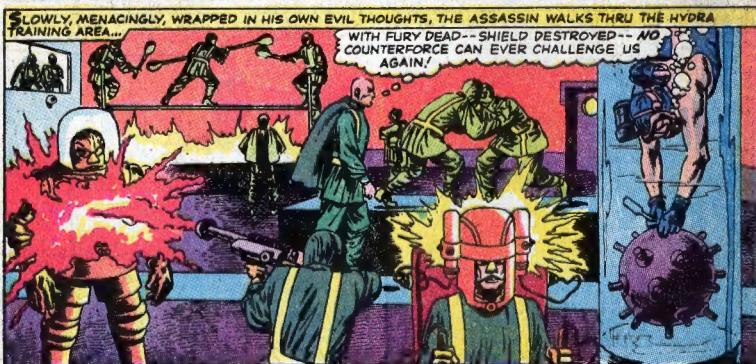
HAIL HYDRA!
I HAVE LOCATED
TARGET! HE SUSPECTS
NOTHING! HE APPROACHES
INTERSECTION OF 59TH
AND MADISON! RUSH
ASSASSIN SQUAD TO
AREA! **SHIELD**
CANNOT SAVE HIM
NOW!



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WITHIN SECONDS, A TEAM OF HOODED ASSASSINS, WEARING N.A.S.A.-TYPE EXPERIMENTAL JET-PACKS, SILENTLY LEAVE AN INNOCENT-LOOKING BARGE ANCHORED IN THE EAST RIVER, AND PROCEED UPON THEIR MISSION OF DEATH....!

WE MUST STRIKE BEFORE SHIELD CAN BE ALERTED! THIS IS THE MOMENT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!



THEN, WITHIN SECONDS...

ALL IS READY! TAKE YOUR POSITIONS! THE TARGET IS TRAPPED!

YOU AND I SHALL GO FIRST, TO PREVENT ANY ALARM!



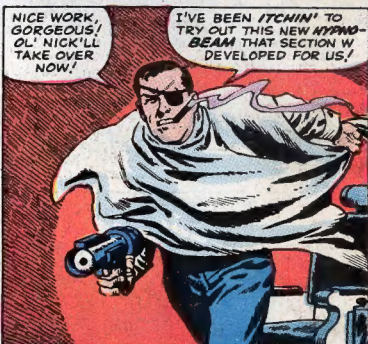
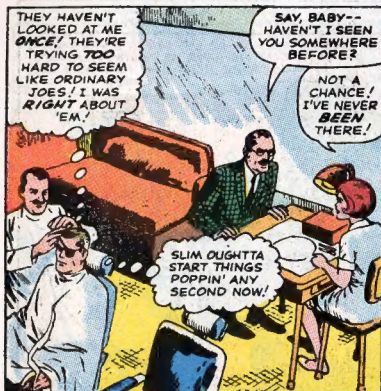
COME IN, GENTLEMEN! THERE'S NO WAITING TODAY!

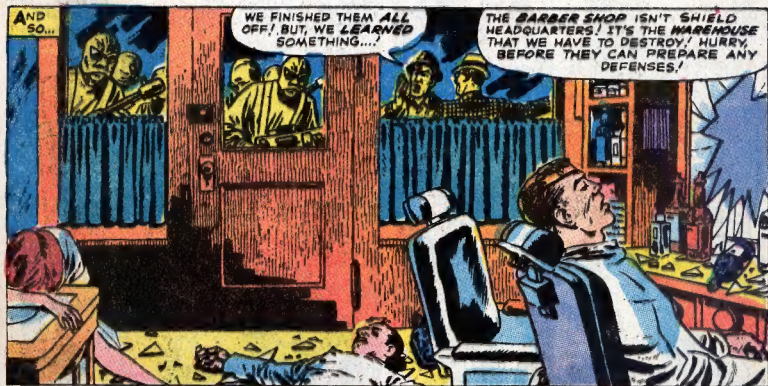
WE JUST WANT A SHOE SHINE AND MANICURE-- THAT'S ALL!

I CAN TAKE YOU RIGHT AWAY, SIR!

THEY'LL BE TAKEN, ALL RIGHT! SOONER THAN THEY THINK!



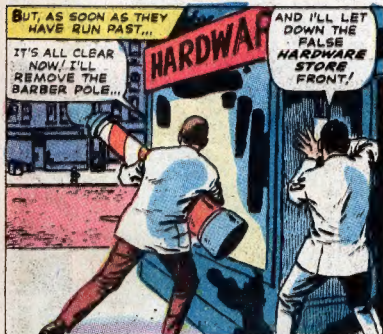




AND SO...

WE FINISHED THEM ALL OFF! BUT, WE LEARNED SOMETHING....

THE BARBER SHOP ISN'T SHIELD HEADQUARTERS! IT'S THE WAREHOUSE THAT WE HAVE TO DESTROY! HURRY, BEFORE THEY CAN PREPARE ANY DEFENSES!



BUT, AS SOON AS THEY HAVE RUN PAST...

IT'S ALL CLEAR NOW! I'LL REMOVE THE BARBER POLE...

AND I'LL LET DOWN THE FALSE HARDWARE STORE FRONT!



SO FAR, SO GOOD! YOU WON'T NEED ME HERE ANY MORE...

EVERYTHING WILL BE CLEANED AWAY IN A FEW MINUTES, COLONEL!



SO, I'LL LEAVE YA FOR A WHILE! I GOT A LITTLE SURPRISE PARTY TO PLAN-- FOR HYDRA!

MEANTIME, YOU THREE KNOW WHAT TO DO!



WE SURE DO, COLONEL!

IF THEY RETURN, WE'LL BE READY FOR THEM!

HAPPY LANDINGS, COLONEL!

SEE YA AROUND, GANG!



OKAY, YOU GUYS--PLAYTIME'S OVER! WE GOT THINGS TO DO!

CONDITION IS RED! ALERT ALL UNITS! MOVE!

EVERYTHING'S READY, COLONEL! THE WAREHOUSE IS SET FOR ANYTHING!

AND, AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

LOOK! THE DOORS ARE SOLID STEEL BEHIND A FALSE WOOD VENEER!

THEN OUR INFORMATION IS CORRECT! THIS MUST BE THE TRUE HEADQUARTERS OF SHIELD!

WHAT A TRIUMPHANT MOMENT THIS IS FOR HYDRA-- AND FOR US! QUICK! SET UP THE PORTABLE X-RAY SCANNER!



THIS SIGNAL WILL BRING IT WITHIN SECONDS!

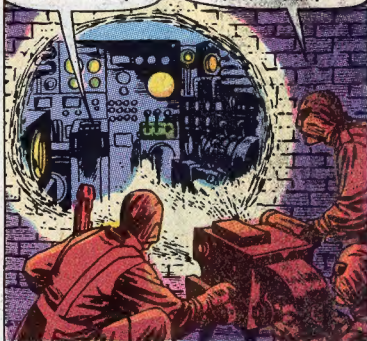
POW!

IT'S BEEN HOVERING HIDDEN IN THE CLOUDS ABOVE US!



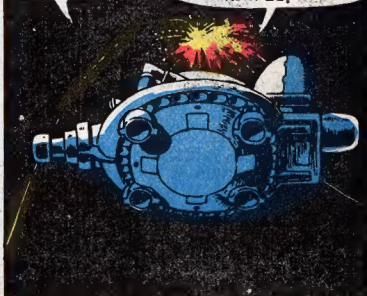
BEHIND THE BRICK WALLS--A COMPLEX OF ELECTRONIC COMPUTERS!

NOW THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! IT'S SAFE TO SUMMON THE HYDRA-RAM!



THE SIGNAL! PREPARE TO DESCEND!

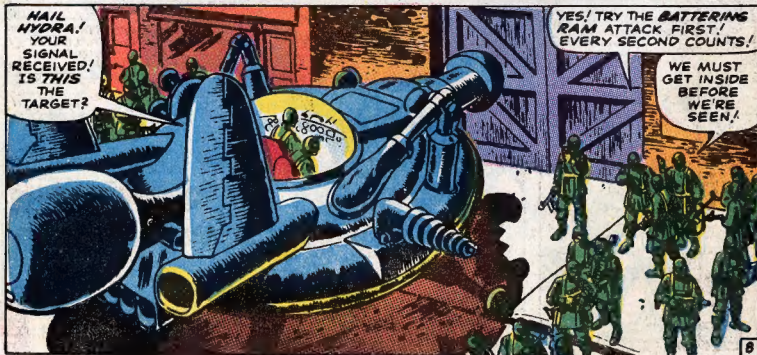
IF SHIELD HEADQUARTERS IS TRULY BELOW, NO POWER ON EARTH CAN SAVE IT FROM US!



HAIL HYDRA! YOUR SIGNAL RECEIVED! IS THIS THE TARGET?

YES! TRY THE BATTERING RAM ATTACK FIRST! EVERY SECOND COUNTS!

WE MUST GET INSIDE BEFORE WE'RE SEEN!





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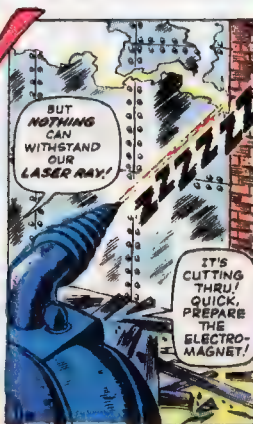
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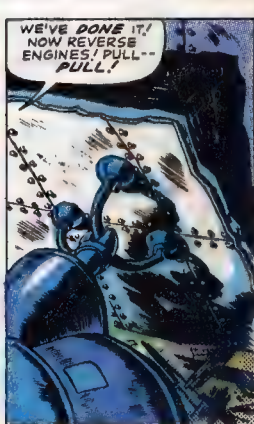


THE RAM
ISN'T
ENOUGH!
THE STEEL
IS OVER
A FOOT
THICK!!



BUT
NOTHING
CAN
WITHSTAND
OUR
LASER RAY!

IT'S
CUTTING
THRU!
QUICK,
PREPARE
THE
ELECTRO-
MAGNET!



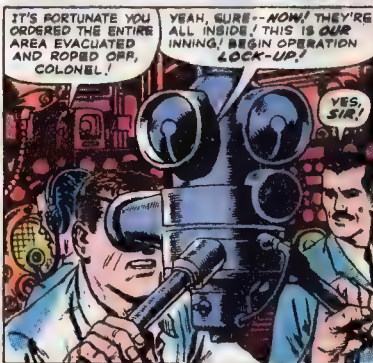
WE'VE DONE IT!
NOW REVERSE
ENGINES! PULL--
PULL!



ATTACK!!
IN THE
NAME OF
SUPREME
HYDRA!

LOOK! IT'S
EMPTY!
THERE'S
NOTHING
INSIDE
HERE!

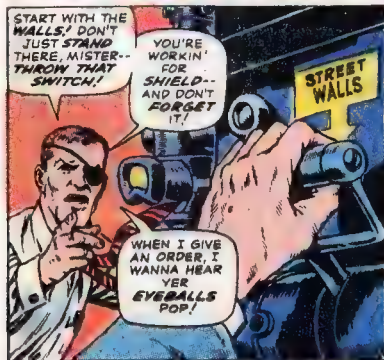
WHERE
ARE THEY
ALL? WHAT
DOES IT
MEAN??



IT'S FORTUNATE YOU
ORDERED THE ENTIRE
AREA EVACUATED
AND ROPED OFF,
COLONEL!

YEAH, SURE--NOW! THEY'RE
ALL INSIDE! THIS IS OUR
INNING! BEGIN OPERATION
LOCK-UP!

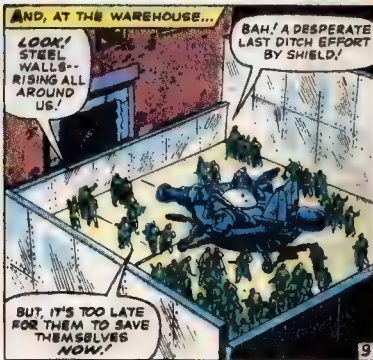
YES,
SIR!



START WITH THE
WALLS! DON'T
JUST STAND
THERE, MISTER--
THROW THAT
SWITCH!

YOU'RE
WORKIN'
FOR
SHIELD--
AND DON'T
FORGET
IT!

WHEN I GIVE
AN ORDER, I
WANNA HEAR
YER
EYEBALLS
POP!



AND, AT THE WAREHOUSE...

LOOK!
STEEL
WALLS--
RISING ALL
AROUND
US!

BAH! A DESPERATE
LAST DITCH EFFORT
BY SHIELD!

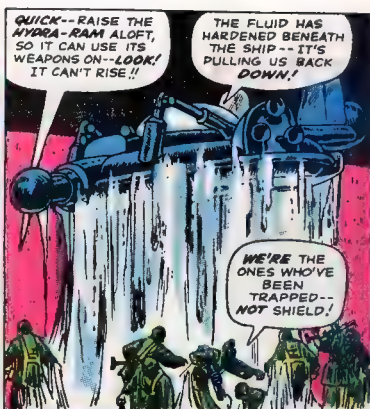
BUT, IT'S TOO LATE
FOR THEM TO SAVE
THEMSSELVES
NOW!



A LIQUID--
POURING OUT
AT US FROM
EVERYWHERE!

IT'S A THICK, STICKY FLUID--
BUT, FOR WHAT PURPOSE??

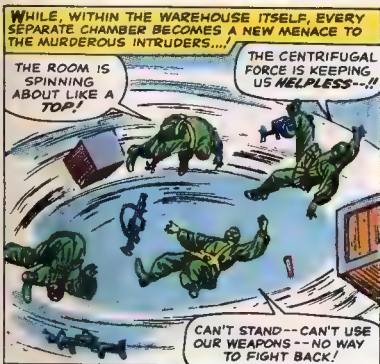
IT'S HARDENING
--LIKE CEMENT!
WE'RE LIKE
INSECTS--
CAUGHT IN
FLYPAPER!!



QUICK--RAISE THE
HYDRA-RAM ALOFT,
SO IT CAN USE ITS
WEAPONS ON--LOOK!
IT CAN'T RISE!!

THE FLUID HAS
HARDENED BENEATH
THE SHIP-- IT'S
PULLING US BACK
DOWN!

WE'RE THE
ONES WHO'VE
BEEN
TRAPPED--
NOT SHIELD!



WHILE, WITHIN THE WAREHOUSE ITSELF, EVERY
SEPARATE CHAMBER BECOMES A NEW MENACE TO
THE MURDEROUS INTRUDERS....!

THE ROOM IS
SPINNING
ABOUT LIKE A
TOP!

THE CENTRIFUGAL
FORCE IS KEEPING
US HELPLESS--!!

CAN'T STAND-- CAN'T USE
OUR WEAPONS-- NO WAY
TO FIGHT BACK!

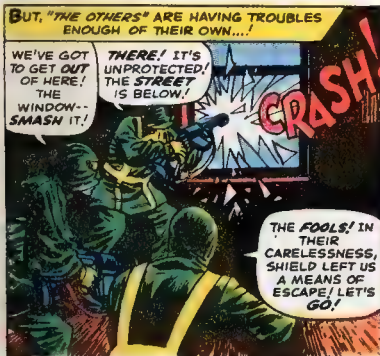


AND, IN THE ADJACENT ROOM...

WE CAN'T BREAK OUT!
EVERYTHING IS
ELECTRIFIED!

THERE'S NOTHING
SAFE TO TOUCH!

WHAT ABOUT
THE OTHERS?
WHY DON'T THEY
HELP US?

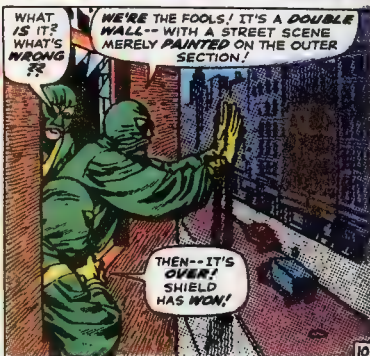


BUT, "THE OTHERS" ARE HAVING TROUBLES
ENOUGH OF THEIR OWN....!

WE'VE GOT
TO GET OUT
OF HERE!
THE
WINDOW--
SMASH IT!

THERE! IT'S
UNPROTECTED!
THE STREET
IS BELOW!

THE FOOLS! IN
THEIR
CARELESSNESS,
SHIELD LEFT US
A MEANS OF
ESCAPE! LET'S
GO!



WHAT
IS IT?
WHAT'S
WRONG
??

WE'RE THE FOOLS! IT'S A DOUBLE
WALL-- WITH A STREET SCENE
MERELY PAINTED ON THE OUTER
SECTION!

THEN--IT'S
OVER!
SHIELD
HAS WON!

WHILE, BACK AT
HYDRA
HEADQUARTERS...

YOU **MUST** ESCAPE! YOU
MUST **FIND** A WAY! IF THE
MISSION FAILS, I'LL BE
KILLED! YOU CAN'T **DO**
THIS TO ME!!



WE CAME SO
CLOSE! IT WAS
ALL SO **PERFECT**
--SO FOOLPROOF!
IT CAN'T END IN
DEFEAT! IT
MUSTN'T--!!

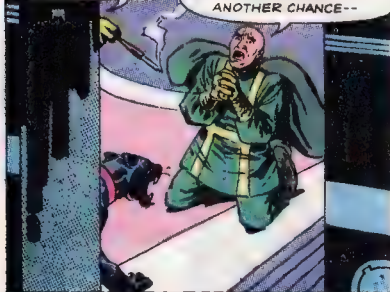
I ADMIRE YOUR
DETERMINATION,
SECTION LEADER B--
FAR MORE THAN I
ADMIRE YOUR
ABILITY!

THE **MASTER!!** YOU--
YOU MUST GIVE ME
TIME--YOU MUST NOT
JUDGE ME YET! I
CAN **STILL** DEFEAT
FURY--I **KNOW** IT!!



YOUR TIME HAS RUN
OUT! YOU KNOW THE
PRICE OF FAILURE!

NO, MASTER! I'VE SERVED
YOU FAITHFULLY--I'VE DONE
EVERYTHING YOU ASKED--
YOU HAVE TO GIVE ME
ANOTHER CHANCE--



ON YOUR **FEET!** IT ILL-
BECOMES AN AGENT OF
HYDRA TO **GROVEL!** YOU
SHALL **HAVE** YOUR CHANCE
--THE SAME CHANCE GIVEN
TO **ALL** WHO FAIL!

THEN--THERE
IS NO **HOPE--!**
I--I'M **DOOMED!**



NOT AT ALL! THOSE WHO SURROUND
YOU ARE ALL **ARMED--** YOUR
REPLACEMENT IS **NOT!**

PICK HIM OUT
AND DEFEAT
HIM, AND
YOU SHALL
LIVE!

I'LL **DO** IT!
I'LL **PROVE** MY
WORTHINESS
YET! I'LL **FIND**
HIM--!



THEY ALL HAVE **BULGES**
BENEATH THEIR ROBES,
WHERE THEY WEAR THEIR
GUN HOLSTERS! ALL--EXCEPT
ONE!

I'VE **FOUND** HIM!
THIS WILL **PROVE**
I'M **STILL** FIT
TO **SERVE!!**





YOU SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU CANNOT TRUST US! I HAVE MY WEAPON IN MY PALM!!

IT--IT WASN'T FAIR! I WAS TRICKED!! I WAS DECEIVED!



AND THAT IS WHY--HYDRA DISMISSES YOU!!



REMOVE YOUR HOOD, AND STEP FORWARD! YOU ARE NOW THE NEW SECTION LEADER B.!

YOU MUST TAKE THE UNDYING OATH!
I OBEY, MASTER!



NAIL HYDRA! IMMORTAL HYDRA! WE SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED! CUT OFF A LIMB, AND TWO MORE SHALL TAKE ITS PLACE!

IT IS DONE! NOW LEAVE ME! I MUST PLAN ANEW!

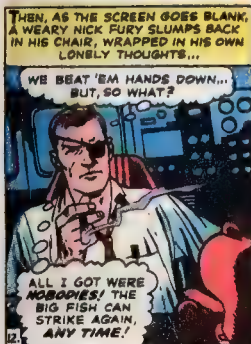
WE SERVE NONE BUT THE MASTER--AS THE WORLD SHALL SOON SERVE US! NAIL HYDRA!



AND, AT THAT MOMENT, ON THE CORDONED-OFF STREET OUTSIDE OF SHIELD HQ....

IT'S A CLEAN SWEEP, COLONEL! WE GOT THEM ALL!

WADDAYA WANT, A MEDAL? TAKE 'EM TO PROCESSING AND GET THAT STREET BACK TO NORMAL! MOVE!



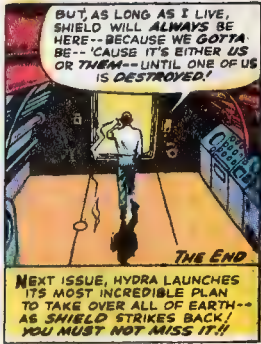
THEN, AS THE SCREEN GOES BLANK, A WEARY NICK FURY SLUMPS BACK IN HIS CHAIR, WRAPPED IN HIS OWN LONELY THOUGHTS...

WE BEAT 'EM HANDS DOWN... BUT, SO WHAT?

ALL I GOT WERE NOBODIES! THE BIG FISH CAN STRIKE AGAIN, ANY TIME!



THEY CAN BE ANYWHERE--WAITING--WATCHING--GATHERING THEIR KILLERS FOR ANOTHER STRIKE!! AND, THE ONLY FORCE THAT STANDS IN THEIR WAY IS--SHIELD!!



BUT, AS LONG AS I LIVE, SHIELD WILL ALWAYS BE HERE--BECAUSE WE GOTTA BE--'CAUSE IT'S EITHER US OR THEM--UNTIL ONE OF US IS DESTROYED!

THE END

NEXT ISSUE, HYDRA LAUNCHES ITS MOST INCREDIBLE PLAN TO TAKE OVER ALL OF EARTH--AS SHIELD STRIKES BACK! YOU MUST NOT MISS IT!!

**MARVEL
ON THE
MOVE!**

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FIRST TIME AROUND (NOT TO MENTION YOU SENTI-
MENTALISTS!) HERE, ARE TWO OF S.H.I.E.L.D.'S
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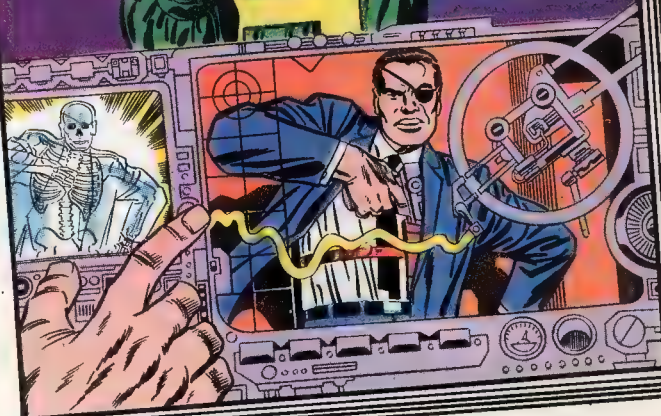
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THE ORDER HAS BEEN GIVEN:

FIND FURY
OR DIE!



ALSO
FEATURING:
DOCTOR
STRANGE!



IF YOU CAN FIND
A GREATER MAG
THAN THIS, LET
US KNOW.. WE'LL
BUY IT OUR-
SELVES!

JIM DRISCOLL IN "Danger on the Field"



JIM IS AT THE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL GAME.

WOW! BIG JOE CAN REALLY PASS!

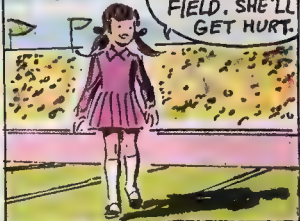
HE SCORED AGAIN!



SUDDENLY... DANGER

SAY, WHAT'S THAT?

THAT LITTLE GIRL WANDERED ONTO THE FIELD. SHE'LL GET HURT.



JIM SPRINGS INTO ACTION.

I'D BETTER GET HER OUT OF THE WAY!



HE'S SAVED CHRISSEY! SHE'S BIG JOE'S SISTER



LATER

THAT SURE WAS A HEROIC FEAT, JIM. BIG JOE WANTS TO THANK YOU HIMSELF.



IN THE LOCKER ROOM.

THANKS FOR SAVING MY SISTER, JIM. THAT WAS A BRAVE THING YOU DID.



SAY, YOU NOT ONLY ACT GROWN-UP, YOU DRESS THAT WAY, TOO. YOU'RE WEARING LEE LEENS, THE PANTS THAT I WEAR!



ALL THE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GUYS WEAR LEENS

THEY LOOK GREAT, AND THEY FIT GREAT.



BOYS! ARE YOU READY TO LOOK AS OLD AS YOU FEEL? MOVE UP TO LEE LEENS, THE PANTS WORN BY THE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GUYS. GREAT-LOOKING! GREAT-FITTING!

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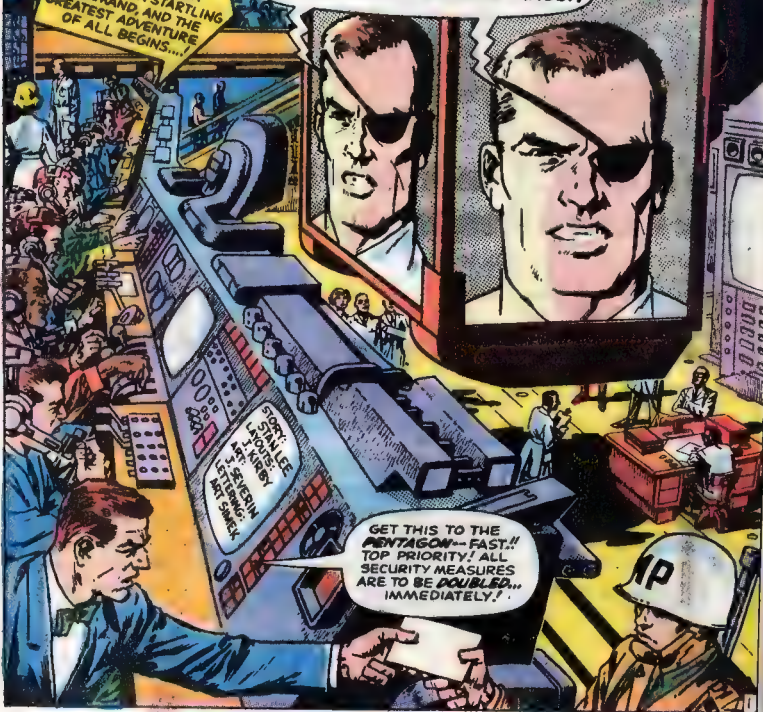


NICK FURY, AGENT OF S.H.I.E.L.D.!
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"THE PRIZE IS... EARTH!"

IN SHIELD'S VAST
COMMUNICATIONS
CENTER, THE MULTIPLE
IMAGE OF COL. NICK
FURY BARKS A STARTLING
COMMAND, AND THE
GREATEST ADVENTURE
OF ALL BEGINS...

AGENT A-1 ...TO ALL UNITS!!
HYDRA PREPARING TO LAUNCH
ALL-OUT ATTACK ON NATIONS OF
WORLD!! ABANDON OTHER MISSIONS!
HYDRA IS OUR PRIME TARGET!
REPEAT--HYDRA IS PRIME TARGET!



MINUTES LATER, NICK FURY ENTERS THE COCKPIT OF A CAPTURED HYDRA SAUCER-TYPE AIRCRAFT* IN THE AERO-RESEARCH DIVISION OF SHIELD...

THIS CRATE SURE HAS THE DIVE BOMBERS OF WORLD WAR TWO BEAT ALL HOLLOW!

OKAY, CONTROL! I DON'T FIGGER TO SPEND MY LIFE HERE! GET THIS BLAMED FISHBOWL OPEN AND LEMME OUT!

*THIS IS THE SHIP WE SAW IN LAST MONTH'S ISSUE OF *STRANGE TALES*. REMEMBER?--STAN.

IT MUSTA COST HYDRA MILLIONS TO BUILD THIS THING--AND THEY DON'T EVEN MISS IT!

HOW'LL WE EVER CRACK DOWN ON AN OUTFIT LIKE THAT WHEN WE AINT GOT A CLUE TO WHO THEIR LEADERS ARE?

NO ONE'S LOOKED UNDER ONE OF THEIR NUTTY HOODS YET AND LIVED TO TALK ABOUT IT!

EVEN THEY DON'T KNOW WHO THEIR TOP MAN IS! NEXT TO THEM, THE MAFIA IS LIKE A FRIENDLY LITTLE SEWING CIRCLE!

AWRIGHT, SOLDIER, WHAT'RE YA FLAPPIN' YOUR ARMS FOR DOWN THERE? IF YOU GOT SOMETHIN' TO SAY, SPIT IT OUT!

YOU'RE WANTED IN WEAPONS DESIGN, COLONEL! I'VE AN ESCORT FOR YOU OUTSIDE!

I'M GETTIN' BLAMED SICK OF YOU EAGER BEAVERS TAGGIN' ALONG WHEREVER I GO!

ORDERS FROM CAPITOL HILL, SIR! YOU KNOW THAT HYDRA HAS PUT A PRICE OF ONE MILLION DOLLARS ON YOUR HEAD!

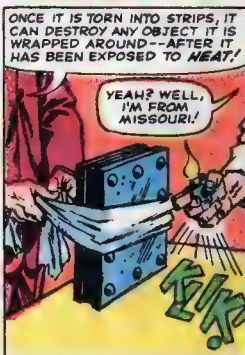
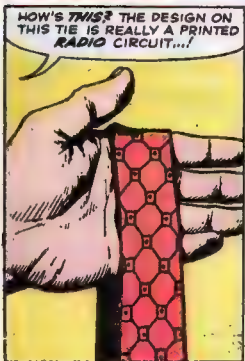
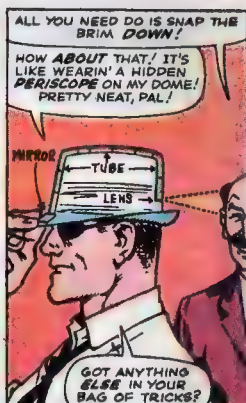
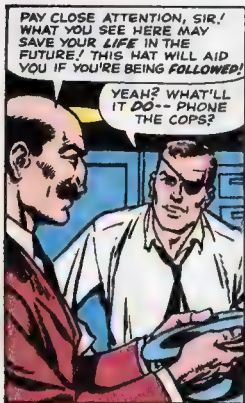
YEAH? HOW ABOUT THE REST O' ME?

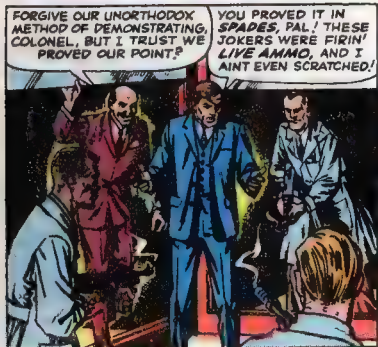
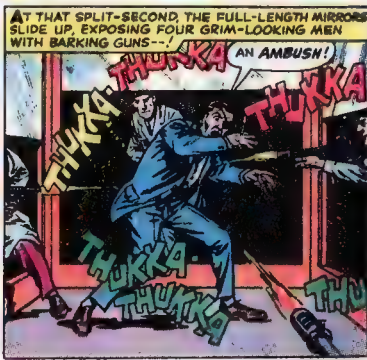
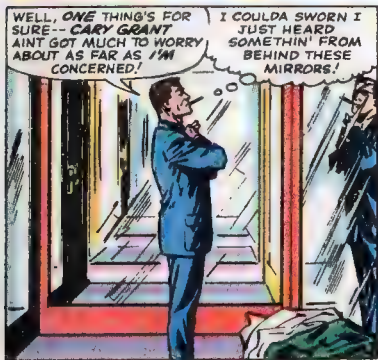
THEN, FURY ENTERS A DECEPTIVELY INNOCENT-LOOKING ROOM...

HEY, WHAT'S GOIN' ON HERE? I WUZ SUPPOSED TO BE HEADIN' FOR WEAPONS DESIGN, NOT A BLAMED TAILOR SHOP!

THIS IS THE WEAPONS DESIGN DIVISION, COLONEL! I THINK YOU'LL FIND OUR NEW CLOTHING STYLES VERY "INTERESTING!"

WADDAYA TAKE ME FOR, MAC? A GI. CHRISTIAN DIOR?





BUT NOW, LET US CHANGE OUR SCENE AS WE VISIT A SMALL TOWN IN THE BALKANS...WHERE AN EVENT IS ABOUT TO TAKE PLACE WHICH WILL AFFECT THE DESTINY OF BOTH SHIELD AND HYDRA--

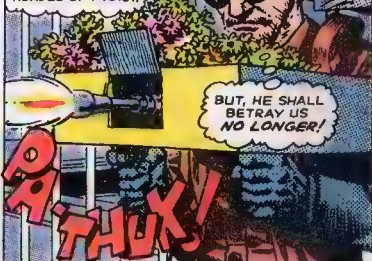
IF I CAN DELIVER THE VITAL MICROFILM I'M CARRYING TO SHIELD-- WITHOUT HYDRA STOPPING ME, IT WILL BE A MIRACLE!

NO AGENT OF HYDRA HAS EVER SUCCESSFULLY BETRAYED THE HOODED ONES BEFORE!



AND, IT SEEMS THAT HYDRA WILL MAINTAIN ITS PERFECT RECORD, AS AN UNOBTUSIVE "FLOWER SELLER" SUDDENLY GOES INTO ACTION--

OUR INFORMANT WAS RIGHT! AGENT "L" IS A TRAITOR TO THE HORDES OF HYDRA!



BUT, HE SHALL BETRAY US NO LONGER!

BUT, AT THAT SAME INSTANT, AS THE TRAIN PULLS OUT OF THE VILLAGE STATION...

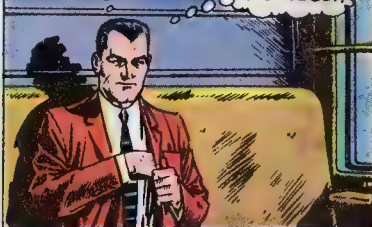
THE FILM-- QUICKLY-- TO ME!

TAKE IT! GET IT-- TO-- FURY-- SUHHHHE!

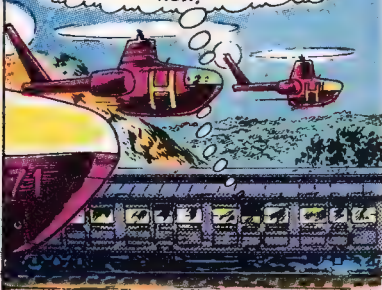


THE ASSASSIN WITNESSED THE TRANSFER! I'LL HAVE TO RESORT TO EMERGENCY PLAN X3!

HYDRA WILL NEVER GIVE UP THIS FILM WITHOUT A FIGHT! THEY'LL STRIKE BACK WITH EVERYTHING THEY'VE GOT!



THEY MOVED EVEN FASTER THAN I EXPECTED! A FLIGHT OF JET-COPTERS IS OVER THE TRAIN RIGHT NOW!



NOISELESSLY, HOODED AGENTS OF THE MOST DANGEROUS CRIMINAL ARMY ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH, DROP TO THE ROOF OF THE SPEEDING TRAIN...

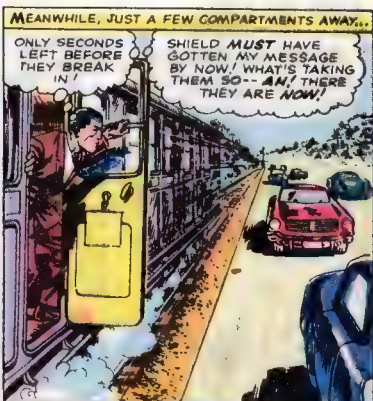


WE MUST NOT FAIL--OR WE PAY WITH OUR LIVES!



SEARCH EVERY COMPARTMENT! HE CAN'T HAVE LEFT THE TRAIN!

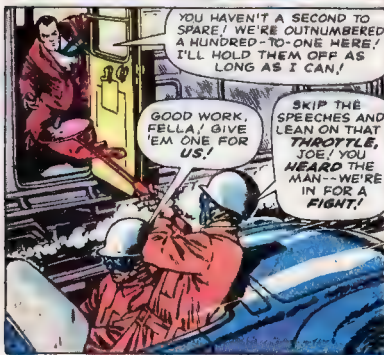
THE MICROFILM MUST NEVER FALL INTO THE HANDS OF **SHIELD**! AND, WHILE WE LIVE, IT NEVER **WILL**!



MEANWHILE, JUST A FEW COMPARTMENTS AWAY...

ONLY SECONDS LEFT BEFORE THEY BREAK IN!

SHIELD MUST HAVE GOTTEN MY MESSAGE BY NOW! WHAT'S TAKING THEM SO-- **AM!** THERE THEY ARE **NOW!**



YOU HAVEN'T A SECOND TO SPARE! WE'RE OUTNUMBERED A HUNDRED-TO-ONE HERE! I'LL HOLD THEM OFF AS LONG AS I CAN!

GOOD WORK, FELLA! GIVE 'EM ONE FOR **US!**

SKIP THE SPEECHES AND LEAN ON THAT **THROTTLE**, JOE! YOU **HEARD** THE MAN--WE'RE IN FOR A **FIGHT!**



COME IN, GENTLEMEN! I'VE BEEN **EXPECTING** YOU!

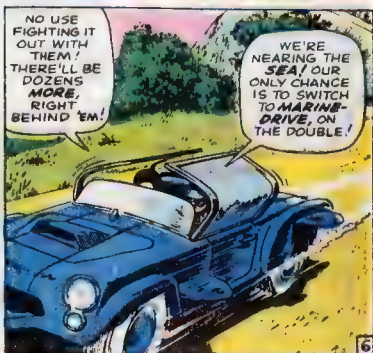
THUS, WE TAKE OUR LEAVE OF ANOTHER UNSUNG AGENT OF **SHIELD**, AS THE DEADLY CHASE CONTINUES...



LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS YOU SEE ANY SIGNS OF PURSUIT, **BILL!**

CONSIDER YOURSELF ON NOTICE RIGHT **NOW**, PARTNER!

THAT SOUPED-UP **FERRARI** ISN'T DOGGIN' OUR TAIL JUST FOR KICKS!



NO USE FIGHTING IT OUT WITH THEM! THERE'LL BE DOZENS **MORE**, RIGHT BEHIND 'EM!

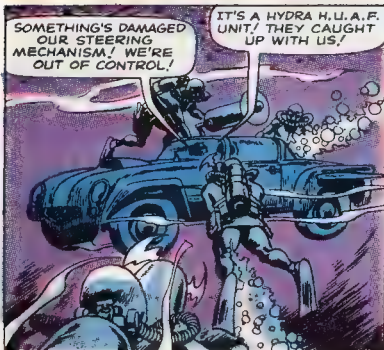
WE'RE NEARING THE **SEA!** OUR ONLY CHANCE IS TO SWITCH TO **MARINE-DRIVE**, ON THE DOUBLE!



HYDRA WILL HAVE OUR LIVES! THEY'RE ESCAPING US!

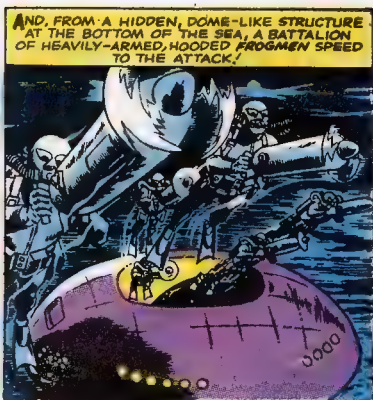
ONLY TEMPORARILY! I'VE ALREADY CONTACTED OUR H. U. A. F.* THE MICROFILM IS AS GOOD AS OURS AGAIN!

*H. U. A. F.: HYDRA UNDERSEA ASSAULT FORCE -- STAN.



SOMETHING'S DAMAGED OUR STEERING MECHANISM! WE'RE OUT OF CONTROL!

IT'S A HYDRA H.U.A.F. UNIT! THEY CAUGHT UP WITH US!



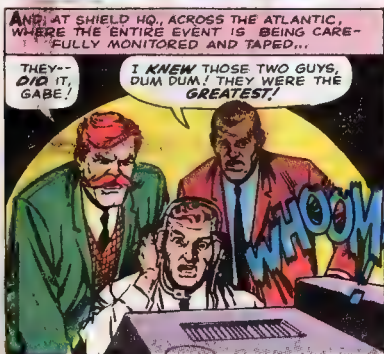
AND, FROM A HIDDEN, DOME-LIKE STRUCTURE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA, A BATTALION OF HEAVILY-ARMED, HOODED FROGMEN SPEED TO THE ATTACK!



WE CAN'T ESCAPE! IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF MINUTES BEFORE THEY DRAG OUR CAR TO THEIR LAB FOR INTENSIVE STUDY!

NOT ON YOUR LIFE, MISTER! IF **WE'RE** DONE FOR-- WE'LL TAKE ALL OF **THEM** WITH US!

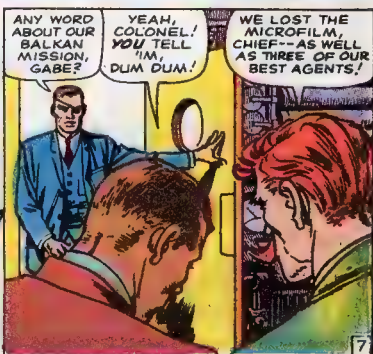
IT'S BEEN NICE KNOWING YOU, JOE! I'M GONNA PRESS THE **DESTRUCT** BUTTON!



AND, AT SHIELD HQ, ACROSS THE ATLANTIC, WHERE THE ENTIRE EVENT IS BEING CAREFULLY MONITORED AND TAPED...

THEY-- DID IT, GABE!

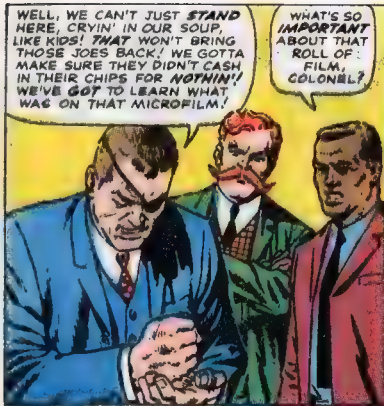
I **KNEW** THOSE TWO GUYS, DUM DUM! THEY WERE THE **GREATEST!**



ANY WORD ABOUT OUR BALKAN MISSION, GABE?

YEAH, COLONEL! YOU TELL 'IM, DUM DUM!

WE LOST THE MICROFILM, CHIEF-- AS WELL AS THREE OF OUR BEST AGENTS!



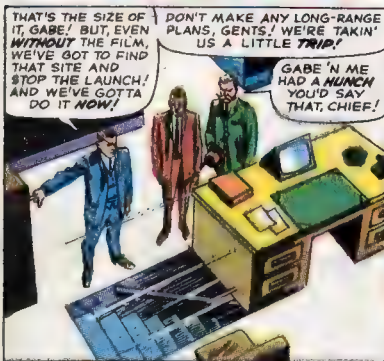
WELL, WE CAN'T JUST **STAND** HERE, CRYIN' IN OUR SOUP, LIKE KIDS! **THAT** WON'T BRING THOSE JOES BACK! WE GOTTA MAKE SURE THEY DIDN'T CASH IN THEIR CHIPS FOR **NOTHIN'**! WE'VE GOT TO LEARN WHAT WAS ON THAT MICROFILM!

WHAT'S SO **IMPORTANT** ABOUT THAT ROLL OF FILM, COLONEL?



THAT'S WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT, MISTER! A GIANT **BETATRON BOMB**! HYDRA'S ABOUT TO LAUNCH IT INTO SPACE! ONCE IT'S IN ORBIT, THEY'LL BE ABLE TO DICTATE THEIR OWN TERMS TO THE WHOLE **BLASTED PLANET**!

I GET IT, NICK! THE MICROFILM SHOWS THE LAUNCHING SITE--SO WE CAN **SMASH** IT!



THAT'S THE SIZE OF IT, GABE! BUT, EVEN **WITHOUT** THE FILM, WE'VE GOT TO FIND THAT SITE AND **STOP** THE LAUNCH! AND WE'VE GOTTA DO IT **NOW**!

DON'T MAKE ANY LONG-RANGE PLANS, GENTS! WE'RE TAKIN' US A LITTLE **TRIP**!

GABE'N ME HAD A **HUNCH** YOU'D SAY THAT, CHIEF!



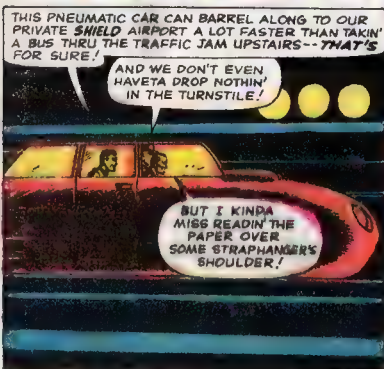
OUR BRAIN BOYS FIGGER THE LAUNCH SITE IS SOMEWHERE IN THE BALKANS--SO THAT'S WHERE WE'RE HEADIN'!

THE BALKANS ARE A PRETTY BIG AREA TO SEARCH, COLONEL!

YOU GUYS GOT ANY **BETTER** IDEAS?

NO...!

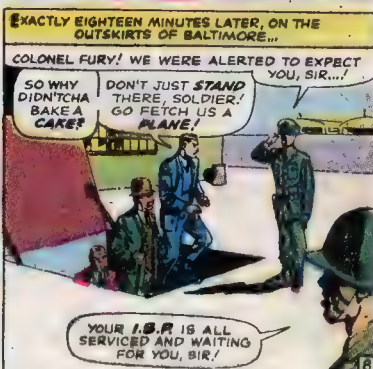
THEN STOP BEATIN' YOUR GUMS AN' LET'S **QUIT** MOVIN'!



THIS PNEUMATIC CAR CAN BARREL ALONG TO OUR PRIVATE **SHIELD** AIRPORT A LOT FASTER THAN TAKIN' A BUS THRU THE TRAFFIC JAM UPSTAIRS--**THAT'S** FOR SURE!

AND WE DON'T EVEN HAVETA DROP NOTHIN' IN THE TURNSTILE!

BUT I KINDA MISS READIN' THE PAPER OVER SOME STRAPHANGER'S SHOULDER!



EXACTLY EIGHTEEN MINUTES LATER, ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BALTIMORE...

COLONEL FURY! WE WERE ALERTED TO EXPECT YOU, SIR...!

SO WHY DIDN'TCHA BAKE A CAKE?

DON'T JUST **STAND** THERE, SOLDIER! GO FETCH US A **PLANE**!

YOU, SIR...!

YOUR **I.S.P.** IS ALL SERVICED AND WAITING FOR YOU, SIR!

A WORD OF EXPLANATION ABOUT THE AMAZING I. B. P.: SIMILAR IN DESIGN TO THE B-70, THIS ROCKET ENGINE SHIP CAN REACH ANY POINT ON EARTH NON-STOP AT SPEEDS UP TO 5,000 MILES PER HOUR! IT ACHIEVES ITS PHENOMENAL SPEED BY SOARING TO THE EDGE OF SPACE WHERE THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO WIND RESISTANCE!

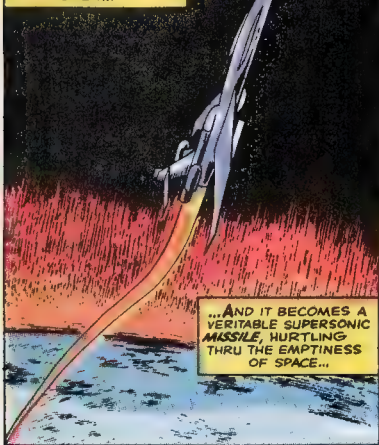


THE CREW IS POSITIONED ABOARD, WAITING FOR YOUR ORDER TO TAKE OFF, COLONEL!

WELL, WADDAYA WANT, A MEDAL? CLEAR THE RUNWAY AND SNAP THAT ORDER! AN' I MEAN NOW!

* INTERCONTINENTAL BALLISTICS PLANE... STAN.

WITHIN SECONDS, THE GREAT SHIP CLIMBS TO THE STRATOSPHERE, THEN SEEMS TO STAND ON ITS TAIL AS ITS MIGHTY ROCKETS TAKE OVER...



...AND IT BECOMES A VERITABLE SUPERSONIC MISSILE, HURTLING THRU THE EMPTINESS OF SPACE...

THEN, QUICKLY REACHING ITS HIGHEST ANGLE, THE I. B. P. NOSES DOWN FOR A TWO-THOUSAND MILE GLIDE INTO EUROPE--HAVING CROSSED THE VAST ATLANTIC IN A MATTER OF MINUTES!

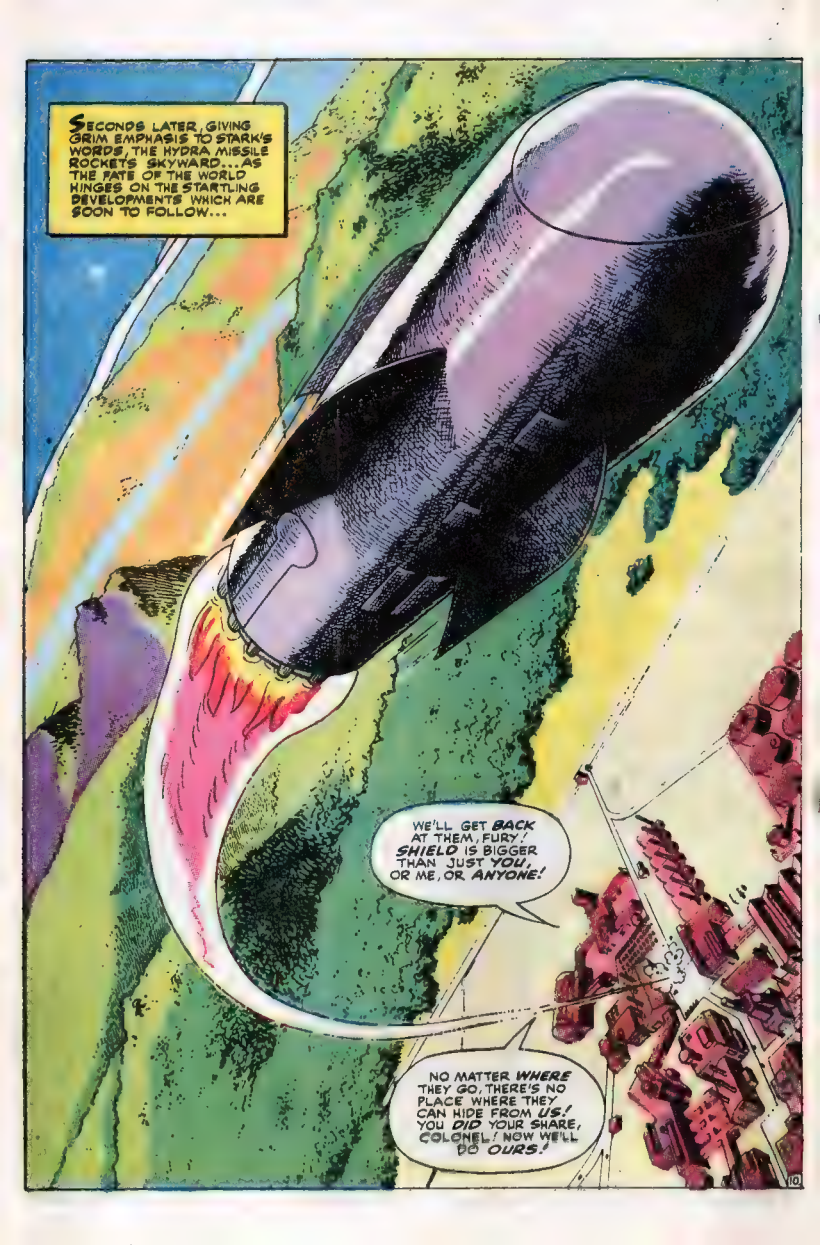


WE SHOULD BE LANDING IN THE BALKANS WITHIN EIGHT MINUTES, COLONEL!

SO WHAT ARE YA CROWIN' ABOUT? THE PLANE'S DOIN' ALL THE WORK!

IMAGINE A CHICKEN COLONEL TALKIN' TO A TWO-STAR GENERAL LIKE THAT, GABE!

HIS RANK DOESN'T MEAN ANYTHING, DUM DUM! HE'S THE HEAD OF SHIELD-- THAT MAKES HIM ANSWERABLE ONLY TO THE PRESIDENT!



SECONDS LATER, GIVING GRIM EMPHASIS TO STARK'S WORDS, THE HYDRA MISSILE ROCKETS SKYWARD...AS THE FATE OF THE WORLD HINGES ON THE STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS WHICH ARE SOON TO FOLLOW...

WE'LL GET BACK AT THEM, FURY! SHIELD IS BIGGER THAN JUST YOU, OR ME, OR ANYONE!

NO MATTER WHERE THEY GO, THERE'S NO PLACE WHERE THEY CAN HIDE FROM US! YOU DID YOUR SHARE, COLONEL! NOW WE'LL DO OURS!

MEANWHILE, AT A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING OF IMPERIAL INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL, ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST, MOST POWERFUL CORPORATIONS ON EARTH, WE FIND...

GENTLEMEN, SO LONG AS I, LESLIE FARRINGTON, AM CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, WE SHALL DO THINGS MY WAY, OR NOT AT ALL!

VANDERGILL, I INSIST YOU CAST YOUR VOTE WITH THE MAJORITY!

I TOLD YOU FARRINGTON HAS DICTATORIAL TENDENCIES, HODGES!

WHAT DOES THAT MATTER, WILSON? HE'S STILL BY FAR THE BEST MAN FOR THE JOB!

VERY WELL, FARRINGTON! YOU WIN THIS TIME! BUT I'LL FIND SOME WAY TO BREAK YOUR HOLD ON THIS CORPORATION!

SUDDENLY, UNEXPECTEDLY, THE LIGHTS GROW DIM, FINALLY PLUNGING THE LUXURIOUS ROOM INTO ALMOST TOTAL DARKNESS! AND, FROM ONE SHADOWY FIGURE AMONG THE MANY, THIS THOUGHT...

THE SIGNAL I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR! THE MISSION IS OVER! FURY HAS BEEN CAPTURED!

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LIGHTS?!

NO NEED FOR ALARM! A FUSE MUST HAVE BLOWN!

THEY'LL GO ON AGAIN IN A MINUTE....!

SECONDS LATER, AS THE ROOM IS ONCE AGAIN ABLAZE WITH LIGHT, A MOTION IS MADE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, AND THEN...

IT IS GETTING RATHER LATE! I SECOND THE MOTION...

HAVING BEEN SO MOVED AND SECONDED, I HEREBY DECLARE THIS DIRECTORS MEETING ADJOURNED!

WILL YOU BE NEEDING ME ANY MORE, MR. FARRINGTON?

YES, BROWN! PLEASE REMAIN FOR A MOMENT!

FARRINGTON STILL HAS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNDER HIS THUMB. BUT IF I CAN MANAGE TO PLAY A GAME OF DIVIDE AND CONQUER...

...THEN, VINCENT VANDERGILL MAY YET BE ABLE TO UNSEAT HIM SOME DAY!

IF I WEREN'T IN A HURRY NOW, I'D START BY TRYING TO INFLUENCE HODGES AND GOOD NIGHT, WILSON!

BUT, THERE IS TIME! IT CAN WAIT.

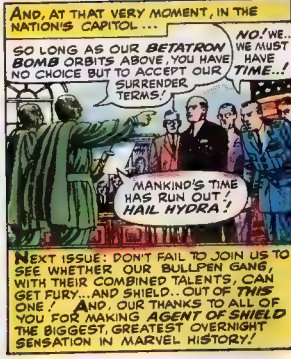
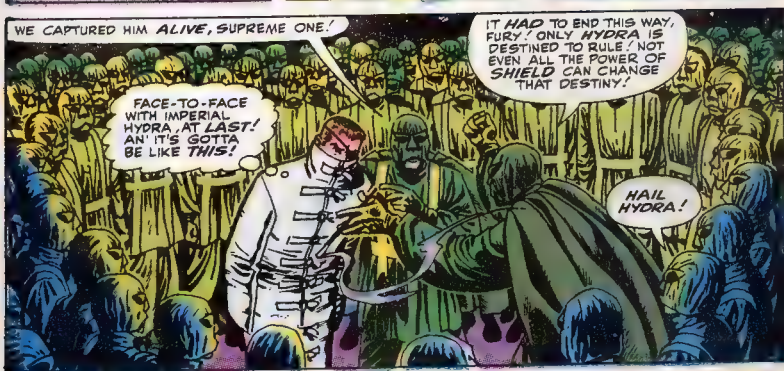
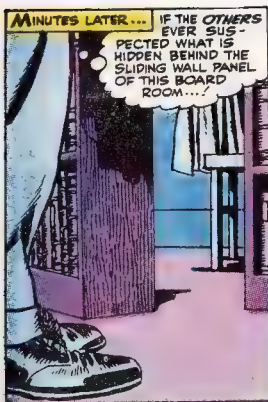
WILSON! I HAVE TO RUSH NOW!

SO DO I, HODGES! I'LL SEE YOU AT THE CLUB NEXT WEEK!

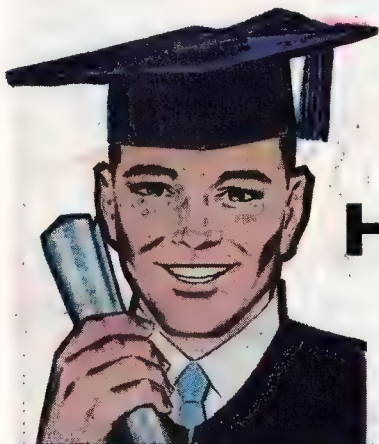
BROWN, I JUST WANTED TO TELL YOU TO REPORT ANY RUMORS YOU MAY HEAR ABOUT ANY OF THE BOARD MEMBERS TRYING TO OUST ME FROM MY CHAIRMANSHIP! NOW YOU MAY GO!

THANK YOU, MR. FARRINGTON! I'LL TRY TO KEEP MY EARS OPEN, GOOD NIGHT, SIR!

GOOD NIGHT, BROWN! HAVE YOUR NOTES TYPED UP FOR ME BY MORNING!



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KNOWING THAT THE EVIL HORDES OF HYDRA PLAN TO LAUNCH A SUPER-DESTRUCTIVE **BETATRON BOMB** INTO ORBIT, WITH WHICH TO THREATEN ALL OF EARTH, **NICK FURY** AND HIS DEDICATED AGENTS FRANTICALLY SEARCH THE REMOTE BALKAN TERRAIN, HOPING TO STOP THE DEADLY LAUNCH BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

AND NOW, YOU KNOW AS MUCH AS WE, SO LET'S GO...



TELEVIEWER TUBE
POSITIONED AND READY!
WANT ME TO FOLLOW YOU
INTO THE OBSERVATION
AREA, COLONEL?

NEGATIVE,
GABE! STAY PUT!
STAND READY TO
ORDER A **ROCKET**
ATTACK IF I FIND
THE LAUNCH SITE
IN TIME!

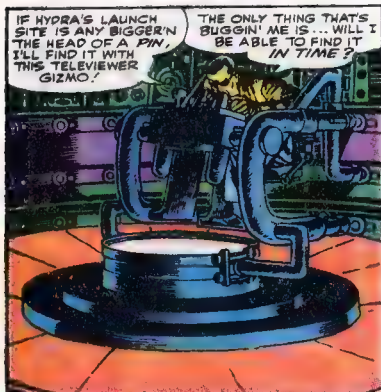
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MISTER! I KEEP
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MEAN SOMEONE
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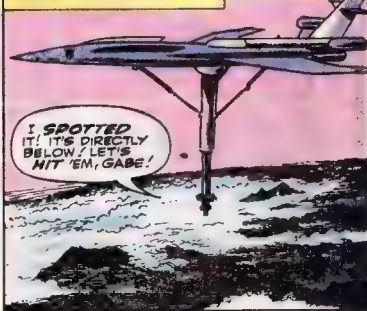
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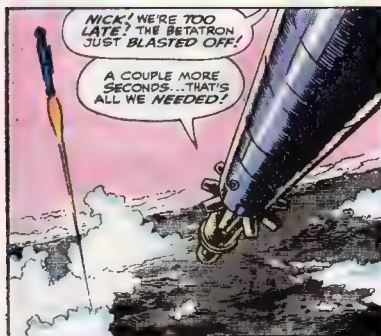
IF HYDRA'S LAUNCH SITE IS ANY BIGGER'N THE HEAD OF A PIN, I'LL FIND IT WITH THIS TELEVIEWER GIZMO!

THE ONLY THING THAT'S BUGGIN' ME IS ... WILL I BE ABLE TO FIND IT IN TIME?

FOR LONG, TENSE MINUTES, SEATED AT THE LOWEST POINT OF THE HYDRAULICALLY-OPERATED TELEVIEWER TUBE, AS THE I.B.P. ROCKETS ALONG FORTY MILES ABOVE EARTH, NICK FURY COMBS EVERY SQUARE MILE OF THE TOPOGRAPHY BELOW, UNTIL AT LAST...

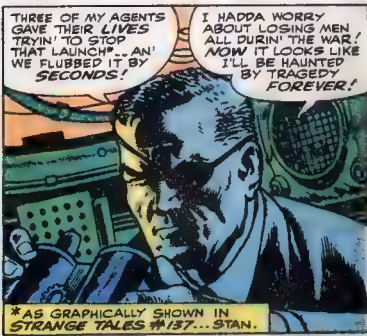


I SPOTTED IT! IT'S DIRECTLY BELOW! LET'S HIT 'EM, GABE!



NICK! WE'RE TOO LATE! THE BETATRON JUST BLASTED OFF!

A COUPLE MORE SECONDS... THAT'S ALL WE NEEDED!



THREE OF MY AGENTS GAVE THEIR LIVES TRYIN' TO STOP THAT LAUNCH*... AN' WE FLUBBED IT BY SECONDS!

I HADDA WORRY ABOUT LOSING MEN ALL DURIN' THE WAR! NOW IT LOOKS LIKE I'LL BE HAUNTED BY TRAGEDY FOREVER!

*AS GRAPHICALLY SHOWN IN STRANGE TALES #137... STAN.



AWRIGHT, GABE... NOW HEAR THIS! WE JUST MISSED THE BOAT... BUT WE'RE GONNA MAKE SURE NOTHIN' ELSE SAILS FROM THAT DOCK!

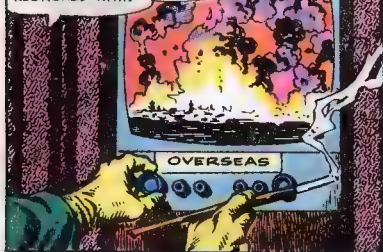
ROCKETS AWAAAAAY!



REGARDS FROM SHIELD, YA YELLOW BUTCHERS, AND THAT'S ONLY THE BEGINNIN'. THE GLOVES ARE OFF NOW! IT'S GONNA BE YOU... OR US!

BUT, HALFWAY ACROSS THE WORLD, OTHER EYES WATCH THE HOLOCAUST... COLD, EMOTIONLESS, POWER-MAD EYES... THE EYES OF IMPERIAL HYDRA!

SHIELD WAS CLOSER THAN I SUSPECTED! FURY IS INDEED A FOE TO BE RECKONED WITH!



MOMENTS LATER, THE SUPREME HEAD OF HYDRA RECEIVES A CALLER...

I SENT FOR YOU SO THAT YOU COULD SHARE THIS MOMENT OF TRIUMPH WITH ME!

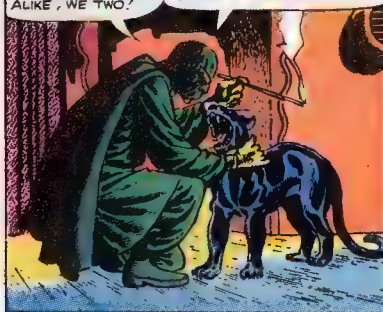
THEN IT'S DONE, FATHER? THE BETATRON BOMB IS IN ORBIT? I... I HOPED TILL THE VERY END THAT YOU'D COME TO YOUR SENSES!



THEN, AFTER THE TEARFUL GIRL HAS DEPARTED...

ONLY YOU ARE TRULY LOYAL! ONLY YOU HAVE NEVER FAILED ME! FOR, WE ARE BOTH ALIKE, WE TWO!

THE WORLD BELONGS TO THE QUICK... AND THE STRONG! AND I HAVE SEIZED IT... JUST AS YOU WOULD SEIZE A HELPLESS HEN!



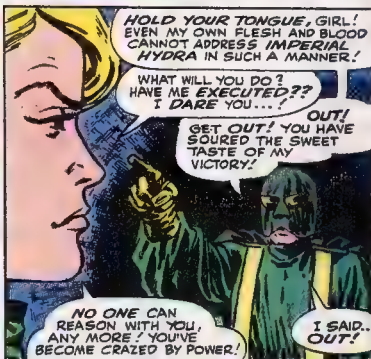
BUT, THE VICTORY BELONGS TO HYDRA! OUR BOMB IS IN ORBIT, AND THE MASTERY OF ALL MANKIND IS ALMOST WITHIN MY GRASP!

BZZZZZZZZZZ

TELE-ALARM



SOON I SHALL DICTATE THEIR SURRENDER TERMS TO THE NATIONS OF EARTH!



HOLD YOUR TONGUE, GIRL! EVEN MY OWN FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT ADDRESS IMPERIAL HYDRA IN SUCH A MANNER!

WHAT WILL YOU DO? HAVE ME EXECUTED?? I DARE YOU...!

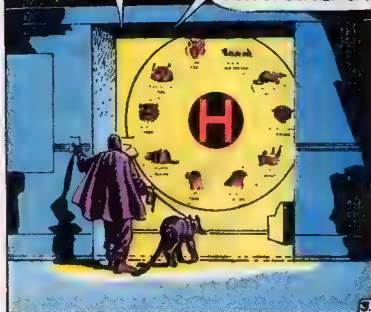
OUT! GET OUT! YOU HAVE SOURCED THE SWEET TASTE OF MY VICTORY!

NO ONE CAN REASON WITH YOU, ANY MORE! YOU'VE BECOME CRAZED BY POWER!

I SAID... OUT!

AND NOW, IT IS TIME TO SUMMON THE DIVISIONAL CHIEFS OF MY NEW GLOBAL EMPIRE!

I MUST GIVE THEM THEIR FINAL BRIEFING BEFORE THE NATIONS OF EARTH ARE BROUGHT TO THEIR KNEES IN ABJECT SURRENDER!



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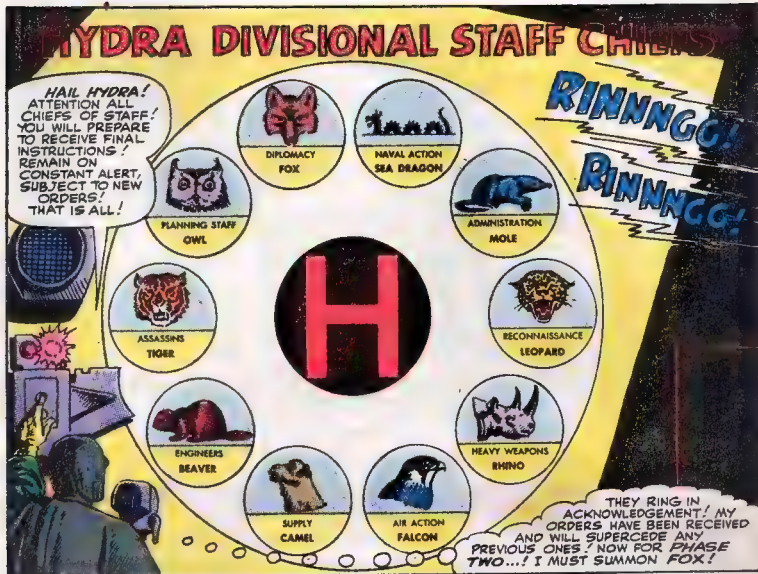
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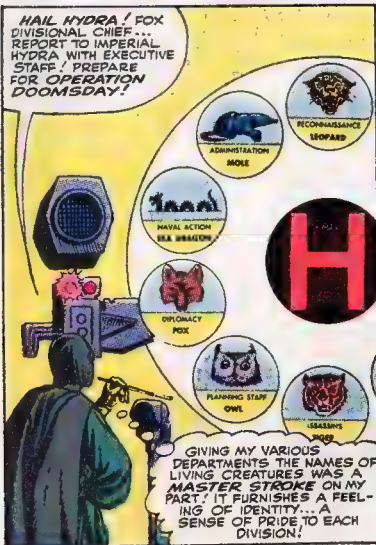
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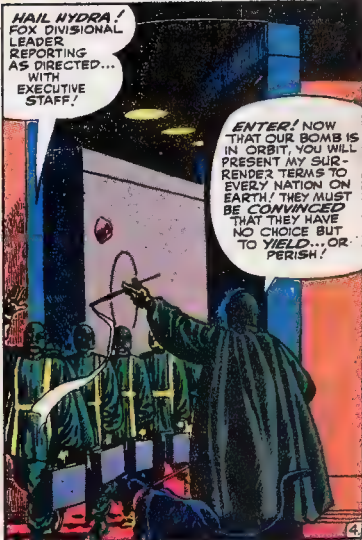
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EVEN AS THE MASTER OF HYDRA SPEAKS, THE TOP BRASS OF THE GREATEST COUNTER-ESPIONAGE AGENCY OF ALL TIME EXAMINES A PROJECTED IMAGE OF THE BETATRON BOMB FROM STATION "SPACE WATCH"...

WE WERE TOO LATE TO STOP THE LAUNCH, STARK! NOW IT'S UP TO YOU TO GIVE US SOME KINDA WEAPON TO BLAST IT OUTTA THE SKY!

IT'S NOT THAT EASY, FURY! THE BOMB IS SO CONSTRUCTED THAT, IF IT IS DESTROYED IN SPACE, THE FALLOUT WILL AFFECT UNTOLD MILLIONS ON EARTH!

IF WE CAN'T SHOOT IT DOWN WITHOUT DEADLY FALLOUT COVERING THE EARTH, HOW DO WE FIGHT BACK?

DON'T ASK ME, GABE! THAT'S FOR BIG BRAINS LIKE TONY STARK TO DOPE OUT!

NOTICE HOW PANIC IS ALREADY SWEEPING THE EARTH! PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS ARE LEARNING OF THE BOMB ABOVE US... AND UNTHINKING RIOTS ARE BREAKING OUT ALL OVER!

YEAH, AN' YOU CAN BET THERE'S A HYDRA HOOD BEHIND EACH ONE... FANNIN' THE FLAMES OF FEAR!

AND YET, IT ISN'T AS HOPELESS AS IT SEEMS, COLONEL!

STARK'S FACTORY REMINDS ME OF SHIELD HQ, WITH ALL THESE SLIDIN' WALLS AND SECRET PASSAGES!

IT SHOULD, DUM DUM! I HEARD THAT STARK IS THE JOE WHO DESIGNED SHIELD'S WHOLE SET-UP!

LOOK, STARK, I AIN'T GOT TIME FOR FOLLA THE LEADER! WHERE ARE WE HEADIN'?

TO ANOTHER SECTION OF MY PLANT. I'VE SOMETHING TO SHOW YOU...

IT'S A NEW MACHINE, COLONEL... I'M CONSTRUCTING IT UNDER THE SAME VEIL OF SECRECY AS THE MANHATTAN A-BOMB PROJECT IN WORLD WAR II.

OKAY, OKAY! I'M REALLY IMPRESSED, NOW WHERE IS IT, MISTER!

I CAN ONLY SHOW IT TO YOU ALONE!

DUM DUM, YOU'N GABE SEE THAT THE BRASS GITS HOME SAFE WHILE STARK SHOWS ME HIS NEW GAZEBO!

CONSIDER IT DONE, CHIEF!

QUICK! WHILE THEY'RE FACING THE OTHER WAY!

WE MUST SEIZE STARK'S NEW WEAPON... FOR IMPERIAL HYDRA!

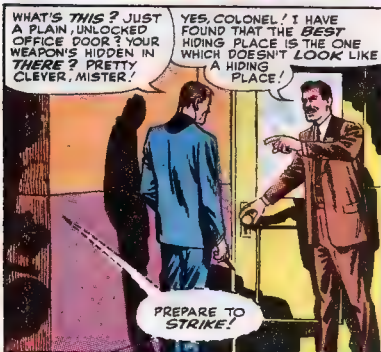


WE MUST NEVER RELAX OUR VIGILANCE, FURY! HYDRA WOULD STOP AT NOTHING TO DESTROY WHAT I'M ABOUT TO SHOW YOU!

GLAD YA TOLD ME, CHUM! I MIGHTA THOUGHT THEY WERE JUST IN THIS FOR LAUGHS!

WE DARE NOT FAIL NOW! THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO DESTROY FURY!

AND, TO MAKE SURE THAT SHIELD NEVER GETS STARK'S NEW ANTI-HYDRA WEAPON!



WHAT'S THIS? JUST A PLAIN, UNLOCKED OFFICE DOOR? YOUR WEAPON'S HIDDEN IN THERE? PRETTY CLEVER, MISTER!

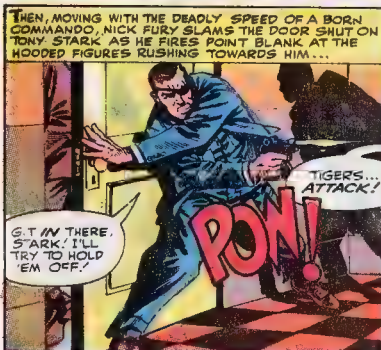
YES, COLONEL! I HAVE FOUND THAT THE BEST HIDING PLACE IS THE ONE WHICH DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A HIDING PLACE!

PREPARE TO STRIKE!



AND NOW, IF YOU'LL COME IN, I'D LIKE TO SHOW YOU MY NEW BRAINO-SAUR!

HOLD IT, STARK! I HEARD SOMETHIN'... LIKE MUFFLED BREATHIN'! WE AIN'T ALONE IN HERE!

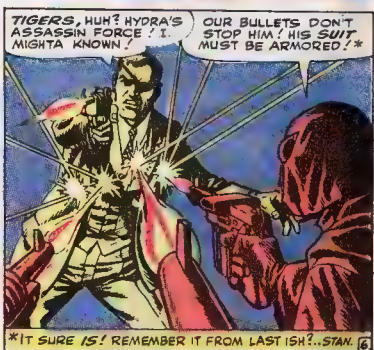


THEN, MOVING WITH THE DEADLY SPEED OF A BORN COMMANDO, NICK FURY SLAMS THE DOOR SHUT ON TONY STARK AS HE FIRES POINT BLANK AT THE HOODED FIGURES RUSHING TOWARDS HIM...

G.T. IN THERE, STARK! I'LL TRY TO HOLD 'EM OFF!

TIGERS... ATTACK!

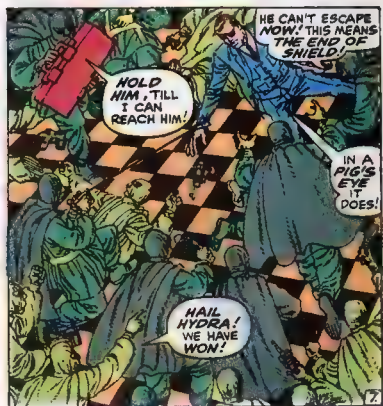
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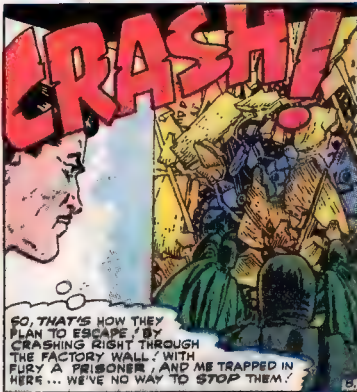
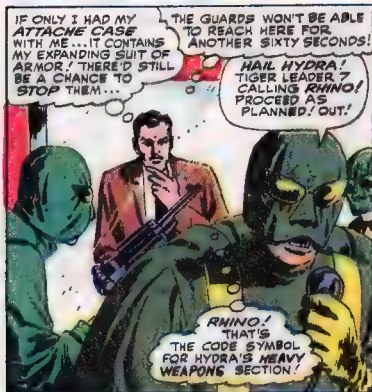
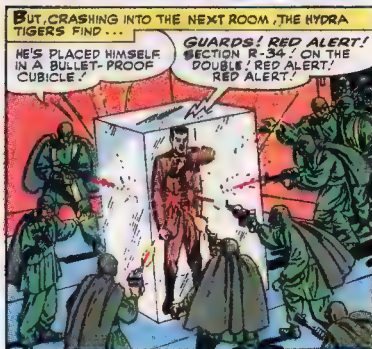
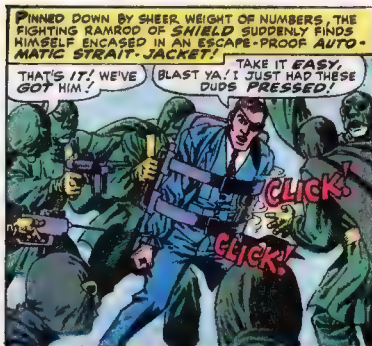


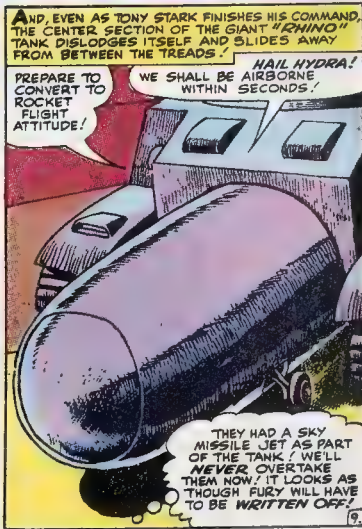
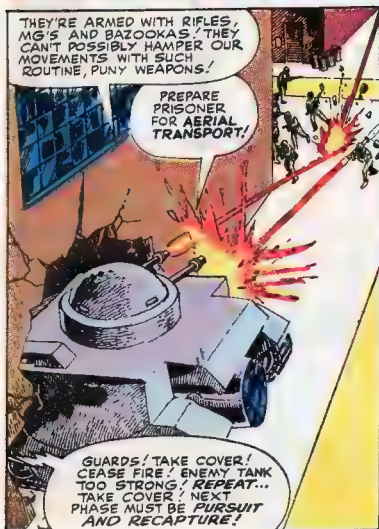
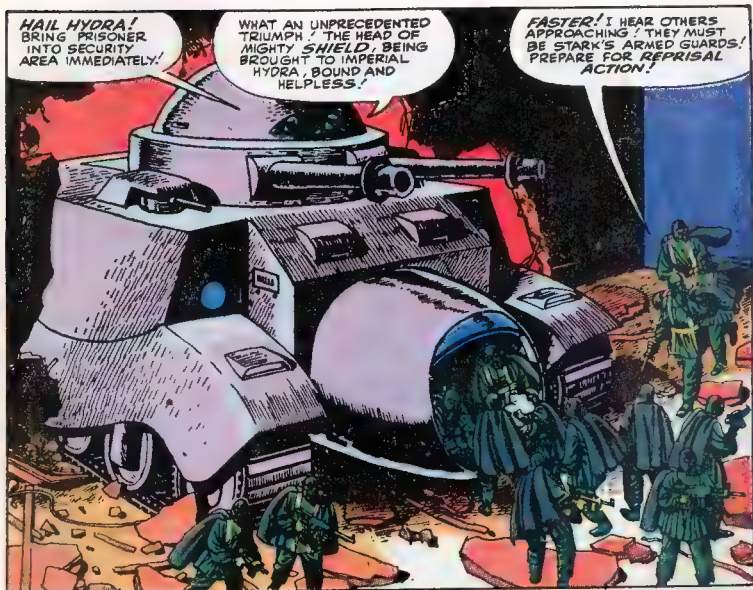
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GOOD SHOW, FARRINGTON!

WITH LESLIE FARRINGTON AT OUR HELM, **IMPERIAL INDUSTRIES INTERNATIONAL** SHOULD DOUBLE ITS VOLUME BY YEAR'S END!

AND, AS THE BOARD MEMBERS RETURN TO THEIR OWN OFFICES...

BROWN, I WANT YOU TO PREPARE A DOSSIER FOR ME -- I WANT A COMPLETE HISTORY OF EVERY MEMBER OF THIS BOARD, RIGHT DOWN TO THE LAST DETAIL!

YES SIR, MR. FARRINGTON! I'LL START ON IT IMMEDIATELY!

AND NO ONE ELSE IS TO KNOW ABOUT THIS! IS THAT CLEAR?

PERFECTLY, SIR!

MINUTES LATER, IN ANOTHER PART OF THE LUXURIOUS EXECUTIVE SUITE, A SILENT MAN CASUALLY PUSHES A CONCEALED BUTTON, THUS OPENING A CAREFULLY HIDDEN DOOR...

THEN, SAFELY HIDDEN FROM SIGHT, HE CHANGES INTO THE MOST FEARED COSTUME ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH -- THE ROBES OF THE IMPERIAL LEADER OF HYDRA!

MY SUPREME MOMENT IS ALMOST AT HAND...

THE TIME HAS COME TO LAUNCH THE BETATRON BOMB...

THE BOMB WHICH WILL GIVE ME UNCHALLENGED MASTERY OF THE ENTIRE EARTH!

UPON REACHING THE BOTTOM OF THE NARROW STAIRWAY, THE HOODED FIGURE SEEMS TO ENTER ANOTHER WORLD -- A WORLD OF SECRECY, OF DIRE CONSPIRACY, OF CONSUMMATE EVIL -- THE WORLD OF HYDRA!

HAIL, IMMORTAL HYDRA!

HERE IS YOUR PANTHER, MASTER!

LET THE CEREMONY BEGIN!



NOW, LET ALL WHO SERVE US TAKE HEED! WE SHALL STOP AT NOTHING TO REACH OUR ULTIMATE GOAL-- THE CONQUEST AND DOMINATION OF EARTH!!

AND, ONCE THE WORLD IS OURS, WE SHALL ATTAIN POWER BEYOND OUR WILDEST DREAMS!

FOR, IT IS OUR DESTINY TO RULE! HYDRA SHALL CONQUER ALL!

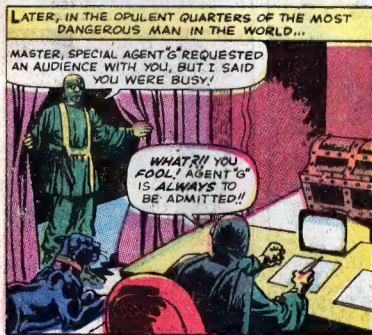


NAIL HYDRA! IMMORTAL HYDRA! WE SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED!

CUT OFF A LIMB, AND TWO MORE SHALL TAKE ITS PLACE!

WE SERVE NONE, BUT THE MASTER!

AS THE WORLD SHALL SOON SERVE US! NAIL HYDRA!



LATER, IN THE OPULENT QUARTERS OF THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN THE WORLD...

MASTER, SPECIAL AGENT "G" REQUESTED AN AUDIENCE WITH YOU, BUT I SAID YOU WERE BUSY!

WHAT?!! YOU FOOL! AGENT "G" IS ALWAYS TO BE ADMITTED!!



AND SO... THANK YOU, FATHER! IT FEELS GOOD TO REMOVE THIS HIDEOUS MASK!

YOU MUST NOT REFER TO ANY OBJECT OF HYDRA AS HIDEOUS, MY CHILD! IF ANOTHER UTTERED THOSE WORDS, HE WOULD PAY WITH HIS LIFE!

FATHER, WHY DO YOU PERSIST IN YOUR MAD PLAN FOR WORLD DOMINATION? IT CAN ONLY END IN **DISASTER** FOR ALL OF US!

YOU DON'T REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE **SAYING**, GIRL! DON'T YOU KNOW I'M DOING IT ALL **FOR YOU!!!**

NO! THAT'S A LIE! I DON'T WANT IT! I JUST WANT A NORMAL LIFE--LIKE ANY OTHER GIRL!

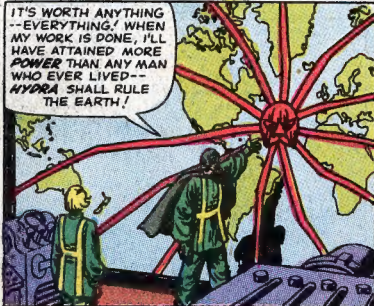


SILENCE! I'LL HEAR NO MORE! EVEN **YOU** MAY ONE DAY OVERSTEP YOURSELF! WHEN YOUR MOTHER DIED, IN POVERTY, I SWORE THAT I WOULD GIVE **YOU** EVERYTHING THAT SHE NEVER HAD! AND I SHALL KEEP THAT VOW! I SHALL GIVE YOU --**THE WORLD!**

BUT, THINK OF THE **COST!** IS IT WORTH ALL THE LIVES THAT MAY BE LOST-- ALL THE **DESTRUCTION?**



IT'S WORTH ANYTHING--**EVERYTHING!** WHEN MY WORK IS DONE, I'LL HAVE ATTAINED MORE **POWER** THAN ANY MAN WHO EVER LIVED--**HYDRA** SHALL RULE THE EARTH!



BUT IT ISN'T **POSSIBLE!** YOU CAN'T DEFEAT THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE! AND WHAT ABOUT **SHIELD?**

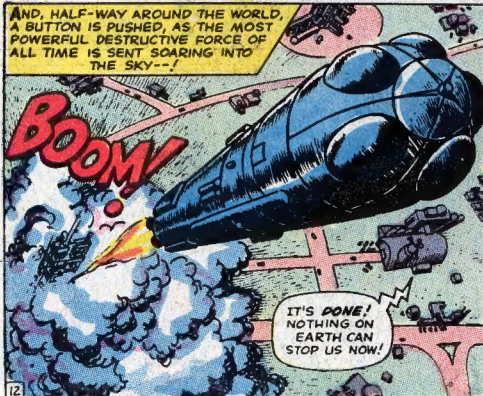
THEY'LL **ALL** BE HELPLESS ONCE MY **BETATRON** IS IN ORBIT! IT WILL HOVER OVER THE EARTH LIKE A **SWORD**--AND ONLY **MY COMMAND** CAN CAUSE IT TO STRIKE!



NOW, YOU SHALL SHARE THIS GLORIOUS MOMENT **WITH** ME--THE MOMENT WHEN I TAKE OVER CONTROL OF MANKIND!

ATTENTION, LAUNCH PAD! THE WORD IS GO! HAIL HYDRA!

AND, HALF-WAY AROUND THE WORLD, A BUTTON IS PUSHED, AS THE MOST POWERFUL DESTRUCTIVE FORCE OF ALL TIME IS SENT SOARING INTO THE SKY--!



IT'S DONE! NOTHING ON EARTH CAN STOP US NOW!

BUT THERE IS ONE VALIANT BAND OF DEFENDERS, PLEDGED TO BATTLE HYDRA TO THE LAST MAN! AND, SO LONG AS LIFE ENDURES, THE FIGHT WILL GO ON--!



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